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THE COPY OF

A Letter Read in the House of Parliament, the 14 of this instant moneth of *December*, 1641.

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Wherein is contained such unheard-of Cruelties committed by the Papists, against the Protestants, not sparing Age nor Sex, that it would make a Christians heart bleed; The like whereof was never known amongst Infidels nor Pagans,

With another Letter sent from a Gentleman living in Dubling, to his Brother in London.

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SIR,

ALL I can tell you, is the miserable estate wee live under, for the Rebels daily increase in men and munition, In all places, except in the province of *Munster*, exercising all manner of cruelties, and striving who can bee most barbarously expert and exquisite in the tormen-

menting the poore Proteſtants, whereſoever they come; Cutting off their privie members, eares, fingers, and hands, plucking out their eyes, boyling the heades of little Children before their Mothers faces, and then ripping up their Mothers Bowels; ſtripping women naked, and ſtanding by them being naked whilſt they are in Travell, killing the Children as ſoone as they are borne, and ripping up their Mothers bellies, as ſoone as they are delivered; driving men, women, and children, by hundreds together upon Bridges, and from thence caſt them downe into Rivers, ſuch as drownd not, they knocke their braines out with Poles, or ſhoot them with Muskets, that indeavour to eſcape by ſwimming out; raviſhing wives before their husbands faces, and Virgins before their parents, after they have abuſed their bodies, making them renounce their Religion, and then marry them to the baſeſt of their fellowes.

Oh that the Lord, who hath moved the Kingdomes of *England* and *Scotland*, to ſend reliefe to theſe afflicted Proteſtants, would likewiſe ſtirre them to affect their undertaking with all poſſible expedition, leaſt it be too late.

Some of the perſons particularly mentioned to have ſuffered, who are knowne unto you, are, Maſter *German*, Miniſter of *Brides*, his body mangled, and his members cut off, Maſter *Fullerton* Miniſter of Lughall, *Simon Haſtings* his eares cut off, Maſter

Maſter *Blandry* Miniſter hanged, his fleſh pulled off from his bones, in the preſence of his wife, in ſmall pieces, he being hanged two dayes before her in the place where ſhe is now priſoner. *Abraham Iames* of Newtowne, in the Dioceſſe of Clohor, cut in pieces, and it is reported that the Biſhop of Clohor *is* turned to the Rebels, thus moving pardon in preſuming to trouble you at this time in your publik imployments, I do with humble remembrance of my beſt reſpects to you, and your vertuous Lady, remaine

Novemb. 27.
1641.

Your Servant to Command,

THOMAS PARTINGTON.

THis Letter was read in the Houſe of Commons, upon the 14 day of this Moneth, and alſo read again before the Lords, at a Committee of both Houſes, and humbly prayed to have the ſame entred in the Journals of both Houſes.

The ſame Houſe of Commons likewiſe deſired the Lords to joyne with them, to petition his Majeſty to take off the reprieve from the ſeven condemned Prieſts, and that they might be forthwith executed according to their Judgement, and the Law.

BRother, you muſt be content to have patience, and let thoſe things reſt a while, till it ſhall pleaſe God to quiet the troubles newly falne upon us, ſome inſtances whereof, I briefely ſet forth in my laſt Letter, and therefore need not repeat what then I ſaid, for nothing is yet mitigated, but rather much increaſed, and grown upon us with greater horror; the poore Engliſh goe about the laines and ſtreets weeping and lamenting, ſome for the loſſe of their eſtates, and others for the loſſe of wives, husbands, and children, that daily periſh in the conflict. Examples we ſee too many, but I will onely touch upon one, the horridneſſe whereof will make my fleſh amazed, and truly the inhumanity is ſo great, that I feele a chilneſſe in my veines, but to name it, a woman being in travell, accompanied with three or foure of her neighbours, was ſuddenly ſeized on by a number of rude Villaines, that haled her from her place, while the child ſprang from her body, and binding them altogether in a knot, dragged them upon a Car, to a wet boggy piece of ground, where they threw the poore woman and the child, that they all periſhed. The Parliament in *England* have promiſed ſome ſuccour, I pray God it may ſpeedily arive, to ſave ſuch as are not yet, but every houre in danger to be loſt, for truly deare Brother, we cannot lye downe in ſafety, and the Calamity is ſo great, that he that yeſterday was rich, to day is a begger.

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